

News of Happenings in Indiana from the Journal's Correspondents

COLD WEATHER CAUSES

CLOSING OF FACTORIES

Gas Supply at Hartford City Very Low, and Gas Company Disconnects the Plants.

ONE LOSS TO BE FINAL

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Jan. 27.—The continued cold weather of the past several days has compelled the Crescent Gas Company, of this city, to serve notice on all the manufacturing concerns here that it can no longer furnish them with gas. The demand for gas from the residences is as much as the company can furnish and they will be supplied first. While the company will not cut the factories off entirely, it will furnish only what excess it may have in the warmer weather.

The shortage of gas threatens to seriously injure the progress of the city, until after the present frigid weather at least. The big Johnston factory has been shut off entirely by the Crescent, and the Cleveland, which also is supplied by the Johnston Company, has been compelled to close temporarily. At the Johnston plant only the blowing and cutting departments are operating and the flattening operation is being kept warm by wood fires. The Johnston Company, which has a big pump station and many wells, has contracted for eleven more to be completed by the end of the month. It is understood that the Crescent's curtailment will mean the permanent closing of one of the city's glass plants. It is No. 32 of the American Window Glass Company, which only recently began operations with human blowers. The reason given is that the American wants gas first for the South Side machine plant, known as No. 2, and it will be necessary to close the plant operated by human blowers to do this.

Search for a Lost Car.

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 27.—The thermometer record of 7 below zero this morning was the lowest of the winter. The street-railway company began running cars after a suspension since Monday evening, but on irregular time. The manager says the plant is inadequate for the winter time, and the cold snap put it out of business. A snow plow and a large crew started out on the Brazil interurban line early this morning to find a car which had been left there since Monday evening, when it left Brazil for a car which had been left there trying to move freight to-day, and at some cold mines the miners went to work. The Southern Indiana road was in better luck than any others running into the coal field.

OTHER CITIES REPORT

MUCH SNOW AND COLD

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
RUSSIAVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27.—The cold wave struck Russiaville yesterday, and the mercury fell to 12 below zero this morning at 5 o'clock. Fifteen inches of snow fell, and put the storekeepers almost out of business for the time being. The roads were barricaded in places with drifts ten feet high, covering the fences. There is much possibility of distress following the terrible cold snap, on account of lack of fuel in the town. A number of families are out of fuel and depending on their neighbors for help. Several farmers came to town yesterday, in spite of the bitter cold, to replenish their fuel supply, and had to return to their homes without it.

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 27.—The blizzard which prevailed here yesterday was the worst known in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The snow is the deepest ever seen here, and this morning the thermometer had dropped to 12 below zero. The poor are suffering, although every reported case is immediately looked after. The city trustee's office is constantly besieged by new comers. Many of them are factory employees out of employment.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 27.—John Perry, government weather observer here, reported the mercury at 12 below zero this morning shortly after 7 o'clock. This is the coldest it has been here since 1899, when the mercury went as low as 24 below zero. In spite of the condition of the roads, all of the rural carriers in the county made their regular trips to-day.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27.—This vicinity was visited early this morning by the coldest weather of the present season. The thermometer registered 12 degrees below zero. Part of the rural mail service on two of the routes leaving this city has been discontinued on account of the immense drifts of snow which cover the pikes in Shelby county.

CONOVERVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27.—The mercury in this city fell slowly but steadily from ten degrees above zero at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon to 12 below zero at 10 o'clock this morning. The natural gas is very low and a large number of persons who depended wholly on gas for heat were compelled to go to bed to keep warm.

HOPE, Ind., Jan. 27.—This morning was the coldest of the season, the thermometer registering 15 degrees below zero. The snow, measuring fourteen inches on the level in an open field, is the deepest ever known here. Quail and rabbits are suffering severely.

SUNMAN, Ind., Jan. 27.—This vicinity is experiencing the coldest weather known here for several winters, the mercury this morning registering 10 degrees below zero. Railroad traffic is delayed, and the gas of the country roads are blocked with drifts.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY

BERKSHIRE BREEDERS

Indiana Represented in the Directory—Special Premiums at the St. Louis World's Fair.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 27.—At the annual meeting of the American Berkshire Association, held in this city to-day, the sum of \$2,000 was appropriated for special premiums for Berkshires at the world's fair at St. Louis, and the following officers were elected:

President, George F. Weston, superintendent of Biltmore farms, Biltmore, N. C.; vice president, A. J. Leary, of Leary's, Springfield, Ark.; treasurer, Frank S. Springer, Springfield, Ill.; auditor, Thomas Rees, Springfield, Ill.; directors, N. H. Gentry, Seaford, Mo.; A. J. Lovejoy, George W. Jessup, Rockville, Ind.; J. H. King, Marshall, Mo.; W. D. McTavish, Cogdon, Ia.; John F. Stover, Crawfordville, Ind.; George F. Weston, Dewitt, W. Smith, Thomas Reese and Frank S. Springer.

Plaintiffs of Two Races.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
SULLIVAN, Ind., Jan. 27.—One of the most unusual trials in the history of this county commenced this afternoon when the cases of Broncho O. Leman, a two-year-old white girl, and Clara Beverly, twenty-two years old, colored, against the estate of Robert O. Leman, came up in the Circuit Court. Leman died late last night. Only a small portion of the verdict of the jury was heard this afternoon and the case was continued until to-morrow morning.

Taste Good

for lunch

Grape-Nuts

and Cream

Swigart Will Case Settled.

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SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 27.—The Eva Swigart \$20,000 claim case against the estate of the late George W. Swigart, which was set for trial in the St. Joseph Circuit Court, has been compromised. By agreement the plaintiff receives \$5,000.

OHIO RIVER DOES MUCH

DAMAGE TO COAL FLEET

Two Loaded Barges Sink and 57 Crowded Ashore by Ice—Empties Go Over the Falls.

RIVER FULL OF FLOES

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27.—The Ohio to-day is in a worse condition than at any time since the break-up of the ice gorge. The river is full of running ice from shore to shore.

At the Pumpkin Patch much damage was done to the coal fleets. Three miles of barges, fifty-seven in number, were crowded on the bank by the ice, and 200 men are trying to save them and their cargoes of coal. Two coalboats containing 25,000 bushels each were sunk at the fleet, and a number of empties were swept over the falls. No boats can run on the river.

Carried Down the River.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
MADISON, Ind., Jan. 27.—Richard Graves, mail carrier between this city and Westfield, Ky.; James Hall and Cassius Taylor, of Milton, Ky., started across the river in a skiff from Madison at noon to-day and were caught by the heavy ice and carried helplessly down stream. When last seen they were rounding the bend, two miles below the city, in midriver. Grave fears are felt for their safety.

FUTILE EFFORT TO

RESCUE A FAMILY

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
CLAY CITY, Ind., Jan. 27.—A party of rescuers attempted yesterday to go to James Burger, who is still surrounded by water and ice on the bottom lands southwest of this place. They got within an eighth of a mile of him, but could go no farther. In their efforts to reach him the ice broke and plunged them into water waist deep. When first surrounded by the water a boat was sent to him, and he sent his children out, but he and his wife remained to look after their live stock. He succeeded in getting his hogs into the stable loft, but his horses and cattle have been standing in water from two to three feet deep since Saturday. They could not be taken to the hills without swimming. On an adjoining farm Irvin Smith lost thirty-three head of hogs and five calves.

Until yesterday Henry Ryan and his family have been hemmed in, running short of provisions. Yesterday he succeeded in getting to town, and purchased a supply and returned to his family.

Managers of sporting have been reported, but in most cases relief was furnished. The mercury registered from 10 to 15 degrees below zero here this morning. At Haysertown, six miles east, 20 degrees was registered.

Wabash Comes to a Stand.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 27.—The Wabash came to a stand last night and has fallen a few inches to-day. The Taylorville people who are still in their houses, many of whom are surrounded by water, are suffering from the cold. Several wagon loads of provisions have been distributed to the poor families in that settlement.

JUDGE TAYLOR NOT A

DELEGATE CANDIDATE

Fort Wayne Jurist Denies a Newspaper Report—Says Roosevelt Will Be Nominated.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
FORT WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 27.—Judge R. S. Taylor was asked to-day if it were true that he expects to be a candidate for delegate at large to the Chicago convention. He said:

"There is nothing in the rumor that has appeared in the papers. I am not at all a delegate, though not from any idea of the propriety of federal officeholders going to conventions. There is, however, no need for officeholders to seek to be delegates, as no name will be presented to the convention, as it looks to me now, except Roosevelt. He certainly ought to be renominated and I believe will be. Certainly the sentiment of the Republicans of this State is for him and no one should go as a delegate who would misrepresent the State."

Judge Taylor left this evening for Washington, where, on Friday, he will address the House committee on patents in support of the bill to create a court for patent applicants.

Meeting of Pegs Claimants.

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ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 27.—Fifty-six persons, representing the Pegs heirs of an estate in Philadelphia, are in Anderson to-day. They came from Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and New York. They seek to recover a hundred acres left by Daniel Pegg, who died in Philadelphia, and which is now regarded as the most valuable property in the city of Philadelphia. This is the second meeting held in Indiana within six months.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A

SWITCH OPERATOR

Passenger Train Threw a Switch the Lever Knocking Him Against a Window—Badly Cut.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
GREENSBURG, Ind., Jan. 27.—William Lawson, switch operator at the interlocking switch tower in the yards in this city, was the victim of a peculiar accident last night.

One of the night passenger trains ran over his head, causing the lever in the tower to fly back and strike Lawson in the chest. The force of the blow threw him against one of the frames in the glass which completely encloses the house, cutting a three-inch gash in the back of his head. When he recovered he telephoned the yard officer of his injury and was removed to his home.

The small piece of frame is all that saved Lawson from meeting death on the tracks, and it is the most valuable property in the yard. Lawson is now in the hospital at the Indianapolis hospital.

Indiana Audubon Society.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
FRANKLIN, Ind., Jan. 27.—The seventh annual meeting of the Indiana Audubon Society will be held in this city Thursday and Friday. The public school children of Franklin will furnish the music for the convention. Among the speakers will be Stanley Coulter, of Lafayette; W. W. Wooten, Miss Howe, Martha McKay, W. H. Freeman, the Rev. R. L. Souther, of Indianapolis; Julia Konkin, of Westfield; Dr. Hodge, of Clarke University; Amos Butler, of Irvington; R. Wilson, Dr. Stott, Professor Owen and Mayor Dixon, of Franklin.

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BEDFORD TELEGRAPH OPERATORS AT WORK.

BEDFORD'S TELEGRAPH

OFFICE A BUSY PLACE

Murder of Miss Schafer Caused Enormous Amount of Extra Work.

NO REST FOR SENDERS

ARGUMENT WAS BITTER

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
BEDFORD, Ind., Jan. 27.—Bedford's little telegraph office of the Western Union Company has been a madhouse since the morning the body of Sarah Schafer was found mutilated in the cab shed. Never in the history of the office have so many words gone over the wires out of the little city in a similar length of time.

Twenty thousand words filed in an office that usually employs but two men was the condition that faced the company the first night. At Chief Operator R. E. Scorrill's request operators were rushed into the office and the matter was sent without a hitch.

The operators who have sent the stories that have created sensations over the entire country are Lee Ragsdale, W. H. Guthrie, C. O. Wheeler, J. H. Cline, John Mathers and C. E. Henderson.

END OF BEAM MURDER

TRIAL SEEMS IN SIGHT

Evidence All Before Jury and Counsel Will Conclude Arguments To-Day.

Baker's Case Goes to Jury.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 27.—The fate of A. J. Baker, of Elwood, is now in the hands of the jury. Judge McClure completed his instructions to the jury at dark and the trial went on until 11 o'clock. Baker made a star witness for himself and the fire of cross-examination by the State did not shake him. The Marlon Bank secured the bonds, paying a premium of \$5,000.

Good Premium on Jail Bonds.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
MARIION, Ind., Jan. 27.—Richards, McCarty & Bulford, of Columbus, is the firm of architects named to prepare plans for the new Grant county jail. The County Commissioners yesterday said \$50,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of building the jail, and it will go to the jury to-day. The jail is to be built on the site of the old jail, which was burned by fire in 1890. The new jail will be a two-story building, 40 feet high, with a central tower. The estimated cost of the building is \$50,000. The bonds will be sold at a premium of 10 percent.

Not Regarded Seriously.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
MARIION, Ind., Jan. 27.—The management of the Marion city water works denies most emphatically the story that oil pollution threatens the city's water supply. It is regarded as an alarmist prediction. It is declared that there is no indication of pollution, present or prospective, though one of the richest oil fields is south of and directly above the water works plant.

TRACTION LINE SUE

ON MECHANICS' LIENS

Seven Actions for Pay for Work Filed at Logansport Against Indianapolis Northern.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
LOGANSPORT, Ind., Jan. 27.—Quite a stir was caused here to-day when it was learned that seven mechanics' liens had been filed by different persons against the Indianapolis Northern Traction Company, which recently suspended operations on its construction work between this city and Kokomo. The liens were all filed by persons who have been in the employ of the company and who claim the company has failed to pay them the wages due. The largest amount claimed is \$3,882.31, by J. J. Brennan & Co., contractors, of Tipton, Ind. They have done considerable work for the company.

DIVORCE AND ALIMONY

WANTED BY A FARMER

Young German of Howard County Sues His Wife of a Year—Ground for Demand.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. 27.—Jacob F. Beeler, a young German farmer near town, has sued his wife of one year for divorce, and introduces an innovation in local courts by demanding \$1,000 alimony. He also alleges that his wife attempted to poison him and had tried to starve him to death. The defendant, who was Miss Serepta Strode, has property in her own right worth \$10,000. D. A. Woods is attorney for plaintiff.

Much Menses at Hope.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27.—The report comes from Hope that there are between seventy-five and one hundred cases of menses at that place, and the schools are now closed on account of the epidemic. A number of cases are reported serious. A woman who was reported to have died of the disease, while new cases are daily reported.

VERDICT FOR STATE IN

BOND FORFEITURE CASE

Circuit Court Jury at Sullivan Awards \$2,000—An Appeal Taken by the Bondsman.

ARGUMENT WAS BITTER

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
SULLIVAN, Ind., Jan. 27.—The jury in the bond forfeiture case growing out of the Knox county gold brick case, after fifteen minutes' consideration, returned a verdict in favor of the State of Indiana in the Circuit Court here to-day. If the judgment stands John F. Miller, of Vincennes, and Marx F. Gumberts, of Evansville, will be forced to pay \$2,000 for the failure of Charles Jerome and Charles Roberts to appear in court for trial on June 16, 1903. The attorneys for the defense made a motion for a new trial, which was overruled, and they asked and were granted an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Wordy arguments between the attorneys were frequent throughout the argument of the case, and blows were narrowly averted a number of times. The attorneys for the State accused the defendants' attorneys of endeavoring to hold Governor Durbin responsible, since, on June 5, 1903, Governor J. C. W. Beckham, of Kentucky, wrote a letter to Governor Durbin canceling the requisition for these two men, for whom the State had a warrant. The defendants' attorneys claimed that the letter was not withdrawn by Governor Durbin's order until it was too late.

The suit grew out of the gold-brick swindle perpetrated by Roberts and Jerome on a wealthy farmer of Todd county, Kentucky.

MASTER OF NEW SHIP.

Capt. Donald McLean Appointed to Command a Fine Vessel.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Jan. 27.—At a meeting of the directors of the Indiana Transportation Company held to-day, Captain Donald McLean, of Chicago, was appointed commander of the \$150,000 steamer now under construction in the Craig Shipbuilding Company's yards in Toledo, which will be operated between this city and Chicago.

Captain McLean, for a number of years past, has been general superintendent of the Lake Michigan & Lake Superior Transportation Company, which is operating a fleet of steamers on Lakes Michigan and Superior. In the operation of boats of the latter company, Captain McLean has been assisted by Captain Algy Alexander, who has been appointed master of the steamer Mary. Charles Warwick has been appointed chief engineer of the steamer.

Residence Fire at St. Paul.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
GREENSBURG, Ind., Jan. 27.—The fine two-story residence of J. R. French, at St. Paul, was destroyed by fire late last night, which is supposed to have originated from a gas jet in the kitchen. The building was a fine residence, and was owned by French, who was a well-known citizen of the city. The fire broke out at about 11 o'clock last night, and the building was completely destroyed. The estimated loss is \$25,000. The insurance company is \$25,000, with insurance of \$1,100.

Signature Held to Be Forged.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 27.—A jury gave a verdict in favor of Alexander Dickerson, who was sued as an indorser of a note issued by Thomas Redifer, his son-in-law. Dickerson testified that the signature was a forgery. Redifer was even more active for the plaintiff than the latter was for himself. The Terre Haute bank cashiers testified as experts that it was Dickerson's signature.

Pinned by a Heavy Main.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 27.—Clarence Zeigler, employed with W. K. Keller & Co., had a narrow escape from death at the gas house of the company this morning. Zeigler was helping make some changes in the interior of the house and was taking down a hydraulic main. He took all of the bolts out of it and the main fell, pinning him against the wall until help came. He was seriously injured about the chest and back. The main was about ten feet long and weighed about 600 pounds.

NO ARRESTS MADE IN

GLADISH CHAPEL CASE

Sheriff Peed's Deputies Unable to Find Willard Catt—Probably Has Gone to Illinois.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
PETERSBURG, Ind., Jan. 27.—Sheriff Orion Peed did not make any attempts to make arrests in the Gladish Chapel case to-day, but two of his deputies went to the neighborhood where Willard Catt lives and found no trace of the alleged assailant. It was learned from an authoritative source that Catt had quietly gone to Illinois, leaving his business in the hands of relatives. Sheriff Peed is of opinion that he will return to Pike county and eventually will be arrested. There have been only four warrants sworn out in all, notwithstanding the fact that Catt is believed to be in the county.

Died from Self-Inflicted Injury.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 27.—Marshall Chonkeweller, of Battin Ground, who two weeks ago made a sensational attempt to murder his wife and end his own life, died late this afternoon. Chonkeweller's death was caused by the injuries he inflicted on himself early in the week when he tried to commit suicide, but doctors declared the man's life could have been saved had he not refused to submit to an operation.

WOMAN'S OLD FRATERNITY

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Alpha Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Theta Observes Its Thirty-Fourth Anniversary

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The fraternity has an elegant home in this city and it is a pleasure to all college society and scholarship organizations. Since girls were admitted to Phi Beta Kappa, in 1884, the Alpha chapter of the Theta has had fifteen members enrolled in Phi Beta Kappa, which is more than all the other De Paul girls' fraternities combined.

To-night the fraternity gave an informal buffet luncheon at its chapter house, at which there were present many alumni members. There was a programme of toasts, with Miss Stella Worthington presiding. Miss Martha Ridgway, a member of the Theta Alumni Club of this city, presented a memorial on Miss Downey, whose death occurred last year, and who was one of the fraternity's prominent members.

The morning will be observed by De Paul as the day of prayer for colleges, and there will be no recitations. There will be the usual chapter exercises, and at 8 o'clock, at De Paul, there will be an address in Memory Hall by the Rev. Henry W. Bennett, presiding. The morning will be observed by De Paul as the day of prayer for colleges, and there will be no recitations. There will be the usual chapter exercises, and at 8 o'clock, at De Paul, there will be an address in Memory Hall by the Rev. Henry W. Bennett, presiding.

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HANOVER COLLEGE NOTES.

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HANOVER, Ind., Jan. 27.—Dr. Knox, of Indianapolis, is preaching a series of sermons before the students under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. this week. The hall has been well filled so far, though the weather has been very severe.

Dr. A. Y. Moore, treasurer of the college, is very sick. On account of his age, being eighty-two years old, it is hard for medicine to restore him.

CORN SCHOOL SESSIONS

ARE WELL ATTENDED

Stockmen and Corn Raisers of Indiana Have Interesting Time at Annual Convention.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 27.—To-day's sessions of the Indiana Corn School and Stockmen's Convention were of particular interest owing to the prominence of the lecturers. There was an increased attendance at both sessions. N. M. Stewart, of Jefferson county, opened the morning session with a talk on "Commercial Fertilizers." He explained the uses of the different materials and advocated their use in fertilization. Prof. F. C. Holden, of Ames, Ia., spoke on corn, its breeds and characteristics. L. H. Kerrick, of Bloomington, Ill., gave a valuable talk on growing beef for the market.

This afternoon there was judging of corn and hogs, the varieties of the latter being Boone county whites and Chester whites. Shorthorn and Holstein cattle were also judged.

To-night the delegates assembled in Agricultural Hall to hear an address on "Corn," delivered by Prof. F. C. Holden. To-morrow night President Stone will address the farmers.

Unusual Building Corporation.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27.—The Jeffersonville Construction and Building Company is to be organized in this city. The stockholders will consist of a carpenter, one bricklayer, one plasterer, one painter, one plumber and probably one painter. The company proposes to take contracts for building houses of all kinds and all the different kinds of work will be performed or looked after by the members of the company. They insist that they can do work cheaper and better than when contracts for the different kinds of work are let to different firms.

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